

February 20, 2017

Seth Gates
Deputy Director – Finance & IT
City of San Diego
Public Utilities Department
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Letter of Interest

Dear Mr. Gates

The City of San Diego's (City) Pure Water program has proposed to develop an agricultural water use efficiency and management program that reduces reliance on the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta. The funding would come from the California Water Commission's Proposition 1 funding, the Water Storage Investment Program.

The Dixon Resource Conservation District (RCD) has worked closely with agricultural producers within and adjacent to the Delta since 1960. Through a variety of programs, we facilitate and support grower implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that improve water use efficiency and increase groundwater recharge, such as the installation of cover crops, drip irrigation systems, rotational grazing, and many others.

We strongly support San Diego's effort to reduce reliance on Delta waters. We believe that helping farmers voluntarily increase water use efficiency, capture stormwater, increase infiltration and apply winter flooding for recharge would be a critical benefit to this sub-basin and to the larger Delta.

We offer this letter of interest to work with the City to employ our expertise in identifying and implementing best management practices to benefit sustainable agriculture in the Delta. We look forward to discussing the potential opportunities for this collaboration.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to support our agricultural community.

Sincerely,

John S. Currey

District Manager

Dixon Resource Conservation District